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PAYMENT FOR SUPPLY OF WATER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Research and Development Estt. (Engr.) Dighi MES entered into a contract with Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) for water supply;

(b) if so, whether due to inadequate supply of water from Pune Municipal Corporation had paid Rs. 1.38 crore for 14.15 lakh cubic metres of water which was lost in transmission between April 1992 to October 2000;

(c) whether payment is continued to be made for water being lost in transmission;

(d) if so, whether the matter has been investigated and responsibility fixed for making payment of the water lost in the transit;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefore ?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir. Research & Development Estt. (Engrs) Dighi, entered intoa contract with MIDC in November 1990 for supply of 2250 cubic metre of water supply daily through MES.

(b) There was no transmission loss beyond the admissible 10% limit. The losses were attributable to faulty meters installed by MIDC.

(c) Payments have been made as per MIDC meter reading under protest.

(d) Yes, Sir. Matter has been investigated. The loss in transmission is within permissible limit of 10% of actual supply. The loss recorded is due to defective water meter for which corrective action has already been taken. In view of the above, question of fixing of responsibility does not arise.

(e) & (f): Does not arise.